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FOR MATLOCK FROM GARRISON

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT:OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. ASSUME DATES PARA 2, MOSCOW 6224 SHOULD BE MAY VICE
APRIL.

2. RE THE PROJECT TO GET ADDITIONAL ASSISTANT GSO SLOTS
(STATE 069816 AND MOSCOW 05655), EUR/EX SAYS THE NEXT STEP
SHOULD BE A REQUEST FROM YOU, REQUESTING JUSTIFYING THE
POSITIONS ON THE BASIS OF CHANCERY CONSTRUCTION, CITING SIZE,
TIME AND COMPLEXITIES OF THE TASK. SINCE SLOTS WILL LIKELY

COME OUT OF EUR HIDE, THE PREQUEST SHOULD STAND BY ITSELF.

3. NEW CSCE DEMARCHE. THIS IS TO GIVE YOU ADVANCE NOTICE
THAT THOSE INVOLVED IN CSCE ARE PUSHING FOR ANOTHER ROUND
OF CSCE APPROACHES IN MOSCOW AND EE CAPITALS. INTERESTED
OFFICES HERE HAVE AGREED THAT THE PAPER PREPARED FOR THE
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APPROACH PLANNED FOR LAST JULY COULD SERVE AS THE BASIS
FOR A NEW APPROACH. WE EXPECT, HOWEVER, THAT WHAT WILL
EMERGE WILL ALSO HAVE A "CONCEPTUAL" OR HUMAN RIGHTS WORLD-
VIEW SECTION ADDED ON FROM HERE. WE WOULD WELCOME YOUR
PRELIMINARY VIEWS.

4. MARSHALL HAS REQUESTED THAT A BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE

IMPORTANT ARTICLES IN PRAVDA BE DELIVERED TO HIM EACH MORNING BY 7 A.M. WASHINGTON TIME. INR HAS LOOKED INTO IT AND ASCERTAINED THAT THIS CANNOT BE DONE FROM

WASHINGTON RESOURCES. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE FOR THE EMBASSY TO PROVIDE A BRIEF DAILY CABLE ADVISING OF THE SIGNIFICANT ITEMS IN PRAVDA (AND OTHER PAPERS IF NOTE-WORTHY) EACH WEEKDAY AND SATURDAY? (THE MONDAY CABLE COULD MENTION THE MAIN ITEMS FROM SUNDAY.) WE WOULD NOT EXPECT A DETAILED ANALYSIS, ONLY AN ALERT AS TO WHAT PRAVDA CONTAINS AND THREE OR FOUR LINES OF CHARACTERIZATION OF THE MAJOR FOREIGN AFFAIRS ITEM OR ITEMS. WHERE APPROPRIATE, AN INDICATION OF MAJOR DOMESTIC ITEMS WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL. IF YOU CAN UNDERTAKE THIS, THE CABLES SHOULD BE SLUGGED FOR SHULMAN. IF YOU WISH, WE CAN SEND THE REQUIREMENT FRONT CHANNEL, BUT I WANTED YOUR REACTION FIRST. COOPER

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